

The Love Affair

29th Annual Fine Arts Festival
TIFTON, GEORGIA

Two Day Arts Show ~ May 2 – May 3
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 Early Bird Deadline December 3, 2008
 Late Registration February 16, 2009
 Limited Spaces Available – Apply early
Over \$13,000 in cash and prizes

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ABAC 45

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Tifton, GA 31793

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General Information

In its 29th year, The Love Affair Fine Art Festival held in Tifton, GA is a celebration of performing and visual arts. As a part of the festival, an Arts Market called Art in the Park is slated for May 2 – May 3 in Fulwood Park, located in the heart of the town. Last year, over 25,000 festival attendees enjoyed shopping the quality art booths, watching an array of excellent performances and socializing among the tall Georgia pines. Each year people fall in love with the arts all over again at the finest arts festival in South Georgia.

Cash awards and purchase awards totaled over \$13,000 last year. Purchase award givers consistently have exceeded their pledged amount, many times by doubling or tripling their dollar expenditures.



Advertising and Marketing

The Love Affair is promoted throughout the state of Georgia and North Florida. A mixture of media including television advertising is used to attract knowledgeable art buyers as well as the novice.

Community Enthusiasm

The people of Tifton and the surrounding counties enthusiastically support the Love Affair. Civic groups, community organizations, Chamber of Commerce plus city and county governments are involved in the festival.

Professionalism

A staff of skilled professionals in association with a committed festival board plans and executes the Love Affair. Every effort is made to produce a quality arts event.

Hospitality

Volunteers assist artists with unloading and booth set up. A continental breakfast is provided to the artists on Saturday morning. An organized group of volunteers provide artists with relief services for breaks throughout the day.

Quality

The Love Affair strives to present the best possible work through careful selection by outside jurors.

The Love Affair has a solid reputation among festivals and artists based on:

Jurying Procedures

Outside jurors will determine acceptance to the festival based on slides or high resolution digital images (jpegs) submitted. Booth arrangement will be a part of the jurying criteria. Jurors will also specify which open air market the work will be displayed in, either the Arts Market or the Children's and Family Crafts Market. Participation in the Arts Gallery will be indicated by the jurors. Number of pieces in the gallery with a maximum of three will be set by the jurors for each individual artist. Pieces in the Arts Gallery will be judged for prize money. Special signage will be placed at the winner's booth. Purchase awards will be selected from the gallery or from the open air market.

If you have exhibited at Love Affair for three (3) consecutive years, ask about our Affiliate Artist status by calling the ABAC Arts Connection at 229-391-4820 or sending an e-mail to artsconnection@abac.edu.

Categories

Arts Market Media

- Oils, Acrylics, Pastels
- Watercolor
- Mixed Media
- Drawings and Graphics
- Pottery
- Photography
- Wood
- Baskets
- Glass
- Sculpture
- Fiber
- Jewelry
- Metal

Children's and Family Crafts Market Media

- Toys
- Clothing
- Gourmet Foods
- Furniture
- Candles
- Handmade Soaps
- Needlework
- Wood
- Glass

General Rules

No distribution of literature or items of any kind of solicitation of signatures on petitions or any other document will be allowed unless otherwise permitted by the festival board.

The festival board reserves the right to make any changes or additions to the rules and regulations.

The festival board must approve all exhibitors, vendors, and entertainment in the festival area. No unauthorized street vendors or entertainment will be allowed.

By city ordinance, overnight parking of vehicles in the park is prohibited.

Artist Rules Please read carefully as there are changes from previous years.

Vendors must portray a family oriented image.

Works deemed unacceptable by the festival board and management will be removed from the show with no refund to the exhibitor.

The artist(s) must be present at the festival.

All works must be original art created by the exhibiting artist.

Exhibited works must be consistent with slides or digital images submitted for jurying.

Pieces exhibited in the Gallery in a previous year may not return to the Gallery.

Up to 20 % of the work can be photo offset, letterpress or gravure reproductions of original artwork if signed and numbered.

Each artist is responsible for collecting and reporting Georgia sales tax on all sales made during the festival. A form will be included in the artist packet at check-in.

For Gallery competition, all watercolors and dry graphic media must be covered with glass or plexi-glass.

The festival assumes no liability for theft, or any damages in the installation, display, or removal of any artist's work in either their own booths or in the Gallery Tent. Exhibitors display all artwork and fixtures at their own risk.

Artists must provide their own tents. The festival no longer offers tent rentals.

Safety Requirement: The City of Tifton Director of Parks and Cemeteries must be present and approve the location before any stake or other object is driven in the ground to ensure avoidance of electrical and water lines.

Fixtures and shelving are not provided.

No commercial booths. No past award signage or ribbons are allowed on or in the booth.

All booth items and Gallery Competition works must be available for sale.

Only one artist per space. No sharing of booths is allowed. A two-person team or partnership producing a single item may qualify as a single exhibitor.

All accepted exhibitors are required to come to the festival check-in before setting up. A picture ID and acceptance letter are required at check-in.

Space assignments as determined by the festival board are final.

Acceptance one year into the festival does not guarantee acceptance in the subsequent years.

To be eligible for awards, the artist must exhibit during the entire show. Prize money will be mailed to winners within 10 days of the close of the festival.

Artist may not tear down before 5 p.m. on Sunday. Any artist dismantling early will not be invited to the festival in 2010.

Security for off hours is minimal and not the responsibility of the festival board.

No refund will be made for inclement weather or other acts of God over which the festival board has no control, and the risk of loss from such an event shall be borne by the exhibitor. This is an open-air show.

Prohibited

- Artwork created before 2006.
- Work created from kits, picture frames, velvet paintings, manufactured or kit jewelry, art supplies, commercial signage or displays, decoupage and ceramics cast from commercial molds.
- Works deemed unacceptable by the festival board and management OR works inconsistent with the artist's application will be removed from the show with no refund to the exhibitor.
- Any mass-produced works.
- Sawtooth hangers are prohibited in the Gallery.
- Alcohol and sound systems.
- Consignment work from another artist.

Application Instructions

Love Affair's Art in the Park is a Saturday – Sunday show ~ May 2 - May 3

The application form must be filled out completely and signed by the exhibiting artist. If a two-person team, both artists must sign the application. Application form and all required enclosures are to be sent in a package to The Love Affair Fine Arts Festival, c/o ABAC Arts Connection, ABAC 45, 2802 Moore Hwy, Tifton, GA 31793.

Show Dates and Times

Saturday, May 2 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sunday, May 3 12 noon to 5 p.m.

Set up:

Friday, May 1 12 noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 2 7 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Gallery pieces will be accepted ONLY between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 2.

One vehicle per vendor will be allowed by permit (received at check-in) in the park for set-up. All vehicles must be clear of the park and in designated parking areas prior to 9 a.m. Vehicles remaining after 9 a.m. may be ticketed and towed at the owner's expense.

Fees

Applications must be accompanied by credit card information or check payable to Tifton-Tift County Arts Council. There is a \$25 charge for insufficient funds.

- _____ \$100 Entry fee by Early Bird Dealine for 10 x 10 space (refundable if not accepted to festival)
- _____ \$125 Entry fee by Late Registration Deadline for 10 x 10 space (refundable if not accepted to festival)

Images

Color slides or high resolution (1280 pixel x 1024 pixel) digital image (jpegs)

1 of your booth/display to show work on display

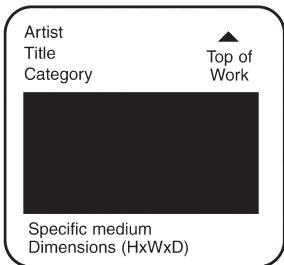
3 representing your original work to be shown at festival

Slides must be marked with artist's name, title of work, category, specific medium, and dimensions. See diagram.

Digital images must use the following format for file names: for art, *artist's last name_medium* and for booth, *artist's last name_booth*.

Digital images may be emailed to artsconnection@abac.edu or sent on disc or CD with your completed application.

Required for all applications including past winners.



Deadline

Early Bird Deadline - Applications must be postmarked by December 3, 2008.
Late Registration - Applications must be postmarked by February 16, 2009.

Confirmation

You will receive a confirmation of your application.

Refund

No refunds of accepted applications will be made after March 16, 2009. Request for refund must be submitted in writing to The Love Affair Fine Arts Festival, c/o ABAC Arts Connection, ABAC 45, 2802 Moore Hwy, Tifton, GA 31793.

Space Assignments

The festival board makes space assignments. Special request will be considered but not guaranteed. The assignment is final.

Commitment

A completed application is a commitment to show at the Love Affair and to abide by the festival rules. No refund of exhibitor fee will be made after March 16, 2009.

Acceptance

Selection is by jurying only. The decision of the judges is final.

The Love Affair Fine Arts Festival 2009 Artists Application

Return this form to:
The Love Affair Fine Arts Festival
 c/o ABAC Arts Connection
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 2802 Moore Highway
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- Signed and completed application
- Credit card information or check for appropriate fees payable to Tifton-Tift County Arts Council
- Four properly labeled images

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Artist Name _____

Co-Artist Name (if applicable) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email address _____

Credit Card Type: Visa Mastercard Discover AmEx

Number _____ Exp. Date _____

(Charges will appear on your bill as ABAC Business Office.)

Medium/type of work _____ Price Range \$ _____ - \$ _____

Last four shows /festivals participated in _____

Any honors/prizes won _____

Referred by _____

Please check if contact information is new or has changed.

Agreement

I hereby make application to become an exhibitor at The Love Affair Fine Arts Festival. I have read the festival rules established by the Tifton-Tift County Arts Council, ABAC Arts Connection and the City of Tifton. I agree to abide by rules stated in this brochure.

By signing the application, I hereby and forever discharge the Tifton-Tift County Arts Council, ABAC Arts Connection, the City of Tifton or any of their agents from all manner of actions, suits, damages, claims and demands whatsoever in law or equity and from any loss and damage to the undersigned's property while in possession, supervision or auspice of The Love Affair Fine Arts Festival, the City of Tifton, their agents, representatives or employees.

I also warrant the artworks submitted for jurying and the artworks to be shown were produced after 2006 solely by myself or in collaboration with the co-artist as noted. I also authorize use of images of my work and likeness submitted with my application for festival publicity or documentation. No additional consent is needed.

The festival board reserves the right to make final interpretation to all rules.

Any changes made after publication of this application will be recorded on the website www.tiftonloveaffair.com.

A completed application is a commitment to show at the festival and to abide by the festival rules. No refund of exhibitor's fee will be made for cancellation after March 16, 2009.

Signing of this application acknowledges that the signee has read the agreement on this form and agrees to abide by The Love Affair Fine Arts Festival rules.

Signature of Artist _____ Signature of Co-Artist (if applicable) _____

EARLY BIRD DEADLINE: Must be postmarked no later than December 3.
QUESTIONS? Call 229-391-4820 or email artsconnection@abac.edu.